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Appln. No.:	10/717,766	
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Title:	Safety Cannula	Group Art Unit: 3767

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U.S. mail addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 1 day of March, 2006.

Frances Erow

(Signature)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one (1) month from February 9, 2006 to March 9, 2006 within which to respond to the office action dated November 9, 2005. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

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Respectfully submitted,

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